

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (*currently amended*) A method for generating a parts catalog of a product from three dimensional data and a parts list of the product, wherein the parts catalog comprises the parts list and a disassembled illustration of the product; said three dimensional data comprising assembly structure information of the product; and the parts list being a list of parts or partially assembled parts of the product and wherein a user creates said parts list and being defined by a user independently from the assembly structure information;

the method comprising the steps of

- (a) assigning a reference numeral/symbol to said parts and partially assembled parts in the parts list;
- (b) building a disassembly algorithm based on said parts list; and
- (c) generating disassembly illustrations based on said disassembly algorithm, wherein maximal disassembled states in the disassembly illustrations are the parts and partially assembled parts assigned with said reference numeral/symbols, and displaying said reference numeral/symbol for each of the parts and partially assembled parts in the disassembly illustrations.

2. (*cancelled*)

3. (*currently amended*) The method of Claim 1, wherein the parts list includes disassembly definition information comprising a tree structure consisting of a node and leave said node being a process and said leave being a part or a partially assembled part, wherein said node comprises a basic process and optionally an intermediate process performed in said basic process, and wherein a partially

assembled part ~~eonsisting~~ consists of parts to be disassembled or assembled in the intermediate process.

4. (*previously presented*) The method of Claim 3, wherein said step (b) generates the disassembly algorithm by adding to the parts list, movement coordinate systems of said basic process and said intermediate processes, and movement positions of the parts or the partially assembled parts within said movement coordinate systems, based on the disassembly definition information of said parts list.

5. (*cancelled*)

6. (*previously presented*) The method of Claim 4, wherein in said step (b), for the purpose of generating the disassembly algorithm a shape of each of the parts is approximated with a circumscribing polygon thereof, and said movement position is set such that each polygon is at a minimum distance from each other which is greater than a predetermined ratio.

7. (*original*) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of (d) modifying the disassembly algorithm and illustrations after generating the disassembly illustrations.

8. (*previously presented*) The method of Claim 7, wherein said step (d) modifies each of the disassembly illustrations by modifying a position, a bearing or a scale of each of the parts or partially assembled parts.

9. (*previously presented*) The method of Claim 8, wherein said step (d) generates and presents a user interface for modifying the position, bearing or scale for each of the parts or partially assembled parts.

10. (*original*) The method of Claim 8, wherein said step (d) permits modification of a camera view point information to modify the disassembly illustration.
11. (*previously presented*) The method of Claim 8, wherein said step (d) modifies the disassembly illustration by determining an interference among the parts or partially assembled parts during a movement thereof, and by modifying the position, bearing or scale for each of the parts in the processes.
12. (*previously presented*) The method of Claim 11, wherein said interference among the parts or partially assembled parts during the movement thereof is determined by calculating an interference among respective polygons, each of which circumscribes around each of the parts or partially assembled parts.
13. (*previously presented*) The method of Claim 1, wherein
said step (c) comprises the step of drawing a lead line from each of parts and partially assembled parts within the disassembly illustration in order to display said reference numeral/symbol, wherein
said step of drawing a lead line projects a movement vector from a pre-disassembly position to a post-disassembly position for said parts and partially assembled parts, onto a plane perpendicular to a view point vector from a view point, and draws said lead line for said reference numeral/symbol from a post-movement object along an axis direction of a shorter component of analyzed vector components constituting such a projected vector.
14. (*currently amended*) A computer software program for generating a parts catalog of a product from three dimensional data and a parts list of the product, in a computer system: the parts catalog comprising the parts list and a disassembled illustration of the product; said three dimensional data including assembly structure information of the product; and the parts list being a list of parts or partially assembled parts

consisting of the product and wherein a user defines said parts list and being defined by a user independently from the assembly structure information; comprising:

a storage medium;

an instruction means stored in said storage medium for instructing said computer system to assign a reference numeral/symbol based on the parts list, to each of partially assembled parts belonging to an basic process of disassembly, and to each of partially assembled parts belonging to an intermediate process of disassembly, respectively;

an instruction means stored in said storage medium for instructing said computer system to build a disassembly algorithm based on the parts list; and

an instruction means stored in said storage medium for instructing said computer system to generate disassembly illustrations based on said disassembly algorithm, wherein maximal disassembled states in the disassembly illustrations are the parts and partially assembled parts assigned with said reference numeral/symbols, and to display said reference numeral/symbol for each of the parts and partially assembled parts in the disassembly illustrations.

15. (*currently amended*) A system for generating a parts catalog of a product from three dimensional data and a parts list of the product: the parts catalog comprising the parts list and a disassembled illustration of the product; said three dimensional data including assembly structure information of the product; and the parts list being a list of parts or partially assembled parts consisting of the product and wherein a user defines said parts list and being defined by a user independently from the assembly structure information; comprising:

means for assigning a reference numeral/symbol based on the parts list, to each of partially assembled parts belonging to an basic process of disassembly, and to each of partially assembled parts belonging to an intermediate process of disassembly, respectively;

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means for generating disassembly illustrations based on said disassembly
algorithm, wherein maximal disassembled states in the disassembly illustrations are
the parts and partially assembled parts assigned with said reference numeral/symbols,
and to display said reference numeral/symbol for each of the parts and partially
assembled parts in the disassembly illustrations.